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✓ 20 Jan 1961

Gen. Graves B. Erskine, (USAF (Ret.))  
Assistant to the Secretary of  
Defense (Special Operations)  
Department of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Erskine:

Mr. Dallas has asked me to acknowledge and  
thank you very much for your letter of 23 January  
concerning the performance of [redacted]  
USA Reserve, while assigned to your office for his  
annual tour of active duty for training for the past  
three years.

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25X1 We are pleased to learn from you of the work  
done by [redacted] and appreciate your courtesy  
in writing to us about this. Your letter will be  
brought to his attention and a copy placed in his  
personnel folder.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

[redacted]  
[redacted]

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Distribution:

Orig.&1 - Addressee

1 - JSE

1 - [redacted] w/basic VIA DDP

1 - O/Personnel w/cpy basic for filing in [redacted] official 25X1  
personnel folder

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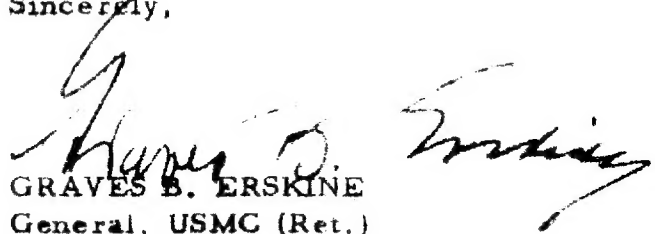
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Dear Allen:

25X1 With the approval of your Military Personnel Office, [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] USA Reserve, has been assigned to this office for his annual  
tour of active duty for training for the past three years. He has just  
completed his last tour and it seems appropriate at this time to make  
our high regard for his performance known to you. [redacted] is an 25X1  
exceptional officer, and during these short tours has been of valuable  
assistance to us. His background and operational knowledge enabled  
him to prepare special studies for immediate use in connection with  
matters for which this office is responsible. [redacted] ability to 25X1  
initiate and follow through on research covering widely different areas  
is outstanding. Several of these studies were passed to appropriate  
staff elements in the CIA where they were well received. I feel that  
both of us have benefited from this special work done by [redacted] 25X1  
during his short tours in OSO.

25X1 I wish to commend [redacted] for his fine work and would  
appreciate your making this letter a part of his official record.

Sincerely,

  
GRAVES B. ERSKINE  
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Assistant to the  
Secretary of Defense  
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